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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Atsushi YOKOUCHI, Youichi MATSUMOTO, Kenichi ISO,

Kouichi HACHIYA, Hideki KOIZUMI, and Michiharu NAKA

ROLLING BEARING Assignee: NSK LTD. Our Ref: Q68888

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/254,172 filed March 2, 1999 of Atsushi YOKOUCHI, Youichi MATSUMOTO, Kenichi ISO, Kouichi HACHIYA, Hideki KOIZUMI, and Michiharu NAKA entitled ROLLING BEARING, which is a 371 of PCT/JP98/02891 filed June 26, 1998.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1764.

Priority is claimed from:

CountryApplication NoFiling DateJapanP. Hei. 9-190761July 2, 1997JapanP. Hei. 9-284258October 2, 1997

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/254,172.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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TOTAL FILING FEE

\$824.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$824.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any



petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/254,172. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Attorneys for Applicant

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